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**Subject:** Say NO to the proposed Alton Coal Mine!

Regarding: The proposed Alton Coal Mine (ref C/025/0005)

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Claire Cleveland, attended the informal hearing on Monday, June 16th in Alton, UT and EVEN MORE STRONGLY urge you NOT to move forward with the proposed coal just outside of Alton, UT for reasons that include the following:

\* The United States is facing the highest energy costs in history and to allow energy resources from our own soils to be sold overseas would be a disgrace to our Nation! The coal is NOT staying local and much, if not all of it, is going overseas. The coal mine representative did NOT take the opportunity to assure us that the coal would stay in America. He used the word majority which allows them to sell 49% overseas and even ensured himself an out so he would not be held responsible if ALL their contracts happened to be signed with companies that would take ALL of the coal overseas.

\* Protect this small town from people who have no vested interest in the area. The locals can sell this coal only once. Don't sell to the lowest bidder, who has shown no concern for the wishes and welfare of the locals. Even the Mayor of Alton seemed misinformed of the coal mine company's true intentions. The Mayor thought that the coal would be used in Utah and he was proven wrong. He thought that jobs would come to Alton and the coal mine company still refuses to commit to any jobs in Alton.

\* Alton should show good faith and bare burden of trucks. Since the trucks are a major concern for numerous locals who have already established their businesses, the least the folks from Alton who will directly benefit from the mine could do is say YES! we will share in the pains associated with this venture and accept the trucks through our town!

\* Tourists spend money at the hotel, money at the gas station, money at the restaurant for dinner, money at another restaurant for breakfast, money at the grocery store for snacks and food, money at the retail shops for souvenirs and keepsakes. Tourists spread the wealth around the many. This mine will benefit a very limited few and primarily a few folks in Florida.

\* The coal mine operators have committed only to using blasting when necessary, but who defines when it is necessary? This gives us no comfort and no recourse.

Folks who spoke in favor of the mine were either personally to benefit from the mine or friends of those folks. Their arguments for supporting the mine were NOT supported by the representative of the mine. The mine is NOT promising jobs and the mine is NOT promising to keep the coal in the state, let alone turning it into a local product.

This mine is about one thing. It is about making a few people in Florida rich and benefiting a few folks in Alton. It is NOT about supporting our local economy. It is NOT about solving America's dependence on foreign resources. In fact we will be giving away that coal. I say giving because we can only sell it once and the primary beneficiary of that sale will be a few people in Florida. It would be an embarrassment to Utah to publicize that we gave up our coal to China or overseas when all of us are facing the highest energy costs ever.

I demand that either you say NO to the proposed mine or give further time for further investigation and clarification of the intentions, background, and past actions of the developers of this project.

Sincerely,

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